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Chief, Language and Area School

28 November 1958

Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

The National Defense Education Act of 1958

1. Attached is an extract from the Plans and Policy Staff Weekly Report, which was taken from the document forwarded by Mr. [REDACTED]. The copy forwarded by Mr. [REDACTED] is also attached for your convenience.

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2. The report made to the Director of Training sets forth the fact, as discussed with you via telephone, that you will keep him informed on subsequent action.

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1. Extract from Weekly Report
2. Document from Mr [REDACTED]

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**EXTRACT FROM PPS WEEKLY REPORT, 26 NOVEMBER 1958**

**Public Law 85-864 - The National Defense Act of 1958**

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At a meeting attended by fifteen Government agencies [REDACTED] the implementation of the language development portion of the above act was discussed. The following were the major points of interest:

- (a) The brochure now at the printer's describing the procedure for establishing language and area centers
- (b) The provision of the act which authorizes \$15,000,000 per year for four years. Only \$375,000 is now available. (Additional appropriations are expected to be made.)
- (c) The requirement that centers be established for the teaching of languages in which there is now a critical shortage of trained personnel
- (d) The assumption that Government employees will be qualified for language training and for the payment of stipends
- (e) The provision of the act which provides that no funds shall be expended for payment to any individual who has not taken an oath of allegiance to the United States (foreign scholars)

A request was made for each agency to submit a letter stating the number of employees with language competence likely to be needed during the next ten or fifteen years and an indication of the degree of language competence which will be required of each employee. It is not known if a request of this nature has been received by the Agency.

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[REDACTED] have been attending the meetings on the procedures for implementing the act, and Mr. [REDACTED] has been requested to keep you informed on any future developments. (A copy of this item has been sent to Mr. [REDACTED])

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